

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Abigail Welles and I am a first year student at Manchester Community College. Manchester Community College has served as an outlet for students to foster their intellect, their relationships with others, as well as their relationship with themselves. I have always proven myself to be a conscientious student, someone who veraciously cares about education. During my freshman year of high school, I unfortunately became incredibly ill and did struggle to stay afloat throughout my four years of secondary education. Eventually I became physically as well as emotionally exhausted, the once conscientious student dissipating, and I began to engage in serious discussion pertaining dropping out of high school. However, before ending my secondary education manifested in to my reality, I allowed myself to remember why I cared so much about education. I am determined to be successful in my life, and leave in each place I tread an imprint- a footprint- that carries with it the potential to alter the world in a positive way. That is an immense idea, one that would certainly require me to foster my education, so I made the decision to complete my high school diploma and move on to MCC, where I currently am holding a 4.0 GPA and am under the influence of an incredibly inspiring community of faculty and peers. I believe that the majority of students who attend MCC have many things in common, including having the fortitude and conviction in their abilities to better themselves despite pertinent obstacles of their past as well as in their present. I understand that it is typical of a state legislation to impart budget cuts for the sake of being financially sound. However, drastic budget cuts should not be imparted upon education, especially smaller academic institutions such as MCC. Manchester Community College is assuredly much smaller than that of UConn or other four-year state universities, but still holds itself to the identical integrity and intention of providing students with a quality education. However, although these intuitions share common goals, the bigger four-year colleges will not be as heavily affected by drastic budget cuts like MCC will. This is incredibly unfortunate due to MCC becoming home to a steadily increasing population of students due to the overall price of college having inflated over the past years, causing people to turn to community colleges for a quality and, most importantly, an affordable education. Every human being should have the right to a college education so that they can better themselves and ultimately contribute to society in a positive and constructive manner. Those who attend MCC do so because they want to receive an education, something that every member of the student body deserves. MCC has without a doubt made a drastically positive impact on myself within the short amount of time I have walked its halls, and has enabled me to begin to build a foundation for a successful life as well as achieving goals I aspire to attain. Manchester Community College has served as an outlet for students to foster their intellect, their relationships with others, as well as their relationship with themselves, and with out the negative impact of drastic budget cuts to education, I firmly believe that it will continue to do so for the tremendous number of students that follow my time there. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abigail Welles